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In the application of:

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For: ACTIVE MATRIX DISPLAY DEVICE
WITH SHARED RETAINING CIRCUIT

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Sir:

In response to the Action mailed January 28, 2004, please reconsider this application in light of the following remarks:

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over European Patent Publication No. EP 1020840 (Ishii) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,745,088 (Kornher). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 1 states that at least one of the retaining circuits is disposed as a common retaining circuit for two or more of the pixel elements. Because of this structure, the claimed display